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May 3, 1993

James Quello
Acting Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear James:

We are writing to express our concerns about PR Docket 92-235, specifically subsection 88.429 (regarding power levels). This proposed rule ignores the unique characteristics of rural areas and could cost local governments hundreds of thousands of dollars each to fix a problem they don't have.

While we understand the need to readdress two-way radio frequency regulations in large metropolitan areas, emergency services and a vast number of private businesses in rural areas must have the powerful repeaters and tall antennas allowed under current law. The proposed FCC rules will render obsolete emergency radio equipment currently utilized by police, fire and ambulance personnel in rural areas and will, in many instances, force the costly construction of several additional transmitters to cover the area currently reached with a single transmitter tower.

We know you've heard from local officials and businessmen from throughout the country about the negative effect this proposal will have on local communities. We want to add our voices to those who have proposed that rural areas be exempted from this costly and unnecessary federal mandate and we look forward to working with you to find a solution for our nation's rural areas.

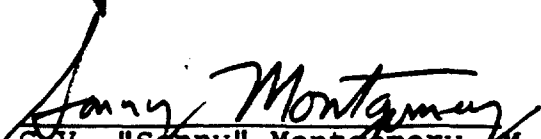
Thank you in advance for your timely consideration. We look forward to your response.


Best regards,


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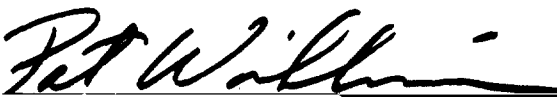

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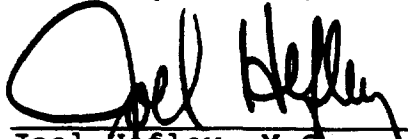

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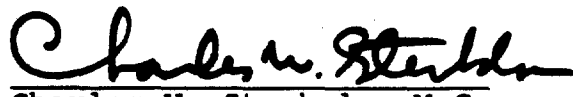



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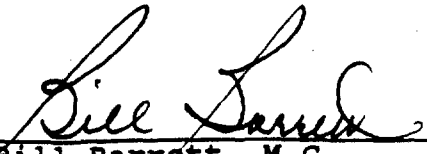

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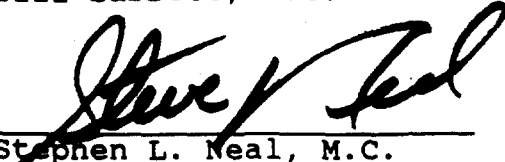

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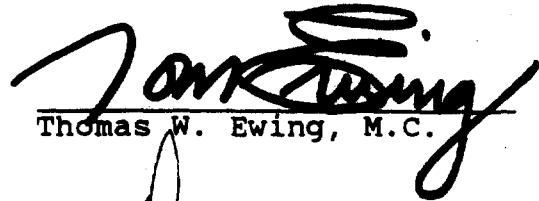


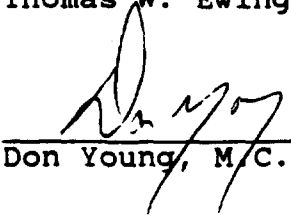

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